GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Fisheries – Allegations levelled against Sri K. Sitarama Raju, the then Joint Director of Fisheries, SPSR Nellore District (now retired) for his dereliction of duties – Disciplinary proceedings instituted under Rule 20 of the APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Article of Charges - Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRY DEV. & FISHERIES (DY. & VIG.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.111 Dated: 16.04.2024.

Read:

G.O Ms. No.22, AHDD&F (Dy.&Vig.) Department, Dt.16.04.2024.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub rule (2) of Rule 9 of the AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting Disciplinary proceedings against Sri K. Sitarama Raju, the then Joint Director of Fisheries, SPSR Nellore District (now retired) vide reference read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri K. Sitarama Raju, the then Joint Director of Fisheries, SPSR Nellore District (now retired) for having failed to discharge his legitimate duties i.e., failed to adjust the amount of Rs. 12,69,997/- when purchased 120 nos. of TVS Mopeds and released an amount of Rs. 43,15,200/- to the same dealer under RKVY scheme. He has also failed (a) to file an F.I.R in local police station against M/s Vega Automobiles, Nellore for recovery of an amount of Rs.12,69,997/- and (b) to initiate action against M/s Vega Automobiles, Nellore by imposing Revenue Recovery Act, 1864 for recovery of Rs. 12,69,997/-; in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The statement of articles of charges and statement of imputations of misconduct and mis-behaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed Annexures I&II. A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges proposed to be sustained are also enclosed in Annexures III & IV.

3. Sri K. Sitarama Raju, the then Joint Director of Fisheries, SPSR Nellore District (now retired) is directed to submit his written statement of defence within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Sri K. Sitarama Raju, the then Joint Director of Fisheries, SPSR Nellore District (now retired) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of Charges which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of charge.

5. Sri K. Sitarama Raju, the then Joint Director of Fisheries, SPSR Nellore District (now retired) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri K. Sitarama Raju, the then Joint Director of Fisheries, SPSR Nellore District (now retired) is invited to Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that above said Sri K. Sitarama Raju, the then Joint Director of Fisheries, SPSR Nellore District (now retired) is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(P.T.O)

7. The receipt of the order shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri K. Sitarama Raju, the then Joint Director of Fisheries, SPSR Nellore District
(now retired) through the Commissioner of Fisheries.

Copy to:
The Commissioner of Fisheries, AP., Vijayawada.
SF/SCs.

// FORWARDED:: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER

(Annexure to G.O Rt No.111, AHDD&F(Dy.&Vig.)Dept., Dt.16.04.2024.)

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. SITARAMA RAJU, THE THEN JOINT DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED)

That Sri K.Sita Rama Raju, Joint Director of Fisheries, Nellore (now retired) in the said capacity committed irregularities in as much as:

Article of Charge-1:

That the said Sri K.Sita Rama Raju, Joint Director of Fisheries, Nellore (now retired) has failed to discharge his legitimate duties to file an F.I.R. in the local police station against M/s Vega Automobiles, Nellore for recovery of an amount of Rs.12,69,997/-. He failed to initiate action by imposing Revenue Recovery Act, 1864 for recovery of amount.

Sri K.Sita Rama Raju, Joint Director of Fisheries (now retired) while working as Joint Director of Fisheries, Nellore has failed to adjust the amount of Rs.12,69,997/- when purchased 120 nos. of TVS Mopeds and released an amount of Rs.43,15,200/- to the same dealer i.e., M/s Vega Automobiles, Nellore under RKVY scheme.

Thus, Sri K.Sita Rama Raju, Joint Director of Fisheries (now retired) by his above mentioned acts, exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming of Government Servant in violation to the provisions under rule 3 (1) and (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. SITARAMA RAJU, THE THEN JOINT DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED)

Vide letter No.NFDB/Zone-II/AP/DM/16-87/2014-15 dt:2.1.2015, the National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 62.00 lakhs to the Joint Director of Fisheries, Nellore towards the NFDB subsidy on the estimate cost for purchase of 595 Nos. of two wheeler mopeds with ice box under mobile fish marketing activity of DM activity (subsidy @25% for General and @30% for SC/STs). As a 1st installment an amount of Rs.38.50 lakhs released by the NFDB (Rs.23.50 lakhs for OBC and Rs.15.00 lakhs for SC/STs).

Sri T.Kalyanam was worked as Joint Director of Fisheries, Nellore for the period from 10.01.2015 to 02.08.2015.

Sri T.Kalyanam while working as Joint Director of Fisheries, Nellore has released an amount of Rs.38.50 lakhs to M/s Vega TVS Auto mobiles, Nellore vide JDF, Nellore proc.No. No.820/B/2014 dt:24.01.2015 for supply of TVS XL SUPER HEAVY DUTY Mopeds with ice box (70 lts. capacity of Nilkamal) as subsidy component for 235 BC and 125 SC/STs under the scheme sanctioned by the National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad.

Out of 360 TVS Mopeds, the said firm M/s Vega TVS Motor Company Limited, Nellore has supplied only 214 TVS Mopeds worth of Rs.25,80,003/- leaving balance of 146 mopeds of Rs. 12,69,997/-.

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Sri K.Sita Rama Raju was worked as Joint Director of Fisheries, Nellore from 27.08.2015 to 2.5.2016 and from 06.07.2016 to 01.05.2017.

Commissioner of Fisheries, AP, Hyderabad has released an amount of Rs.34.50 lakhs vide proc.No.1412/C1/2015 dt:1.4.2015, released an amount of Rs.12.00 lakhs vide proc.No.1412/C1/2015 dt:22.5.2015 and released an amount of Rs.13.50 lakhs vide proc.No.1412/C1/2015 dt:2.6.2015 under RKVY assistance for fish marketing by supply of 2/3/4 wheelers under NMPS. Operative guidelines have also been issued for the scheme vide CF.AP, Hyderabad Proc.No.20.5.2015.

During the tenure of Sri K.Sita Rama Raju as Joint Director of Fisheries, Nellore, he issued supply orders to M/s Vega TVS Automobiles, Nellore for supply of units to 67 beneficiaries and also issued supply orders to M/s Vega TVS Automobiles, Nellore for supply of units to 53 beneficiaries under RKVY assistance for fish marketing.

During his tenure, addressed to the Branch Manager, SBI, Nellore vide letter No.499/B/2015, dt:9.11.2015 requesting to transfer an amount of Rs.33,80,240/- to M/s Vega Automobiles, Nellore for 94 No's TVS mopeds along with accessories. He has also addressed to the Branch Manager, SBI, Nellore vide letter No.499/B/2015 dt:16.12.2015 requesting to transfer an amount of Rs.9,34,960/- to M/s Vega Automobiles, Nellore for 26 No's TVS mopeds along with accessories.

Total an amount of Rs. 43,15,200/- for 120 nos. of TVS mopeds has been released to M/s Vega Automobiles, Nellore without adjusting the amount of Rs.12,69,997/- to be paid by the firm.

It indicates that even though having knowledge of that an amount of Rs.12,69,997/- has to be recovered from M/s Vega Automobiles, Nellore he has released the entire amount of Rs.43,15,200/- to the firm. It shows negligence, carelessness of Sri K.Sitarama Raju, Joint Director of Fisheries, Nellore in releasing of amounts to the said firm without adjusting, due to which loss to the Government exchequer.

Therefore, Sri K. Sitarama Raju, while working as the Joint Director of Fisheries, SPSR Nellore District (now retired), exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming of Government Servant in violation to the provisions under rule 3 (1) and (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, the charge.

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ANNEXURE - III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. SITARAMA RAJU, THE THEN JOINT DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. NFDB, Hyderabad sanction order No. NFDB /Zone-II/AP/DM/16-17/2014-15 dt: 2.1.2015.
2. JDF, Nellore proc. No.820/B/2014 dt:24.01.2015.
3. CF.Proc.No.1412/C1/2015 dt:1.4.2015.
4. CF.Proc.No.1412/C1/2015 dt:22.5.2015.
5. CF.Proc.No.1412/C1/2015 dt:2.6.2015.
6. JDF, Nellore Lr.No.499/B/2015 dt:9.11.2015.
7. JDF, Nellore Lr.No.499/B/2015 dt:16.12.2015.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. SITARAMA RAJU, THE THEN JOINT DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

-NIL-

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